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HKNW-35

TO Chief of Station, Havana

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VIA: Chief, WH Division

HEADQUARTERS FILE NO

16-126-0

FROM

Chief, Far East Division

DATE

SUBJECT

1. HARVEST PSYCH
Proposed Operation to have Chinese Communists
Suspected of Assassination Attempt

RE: "43 3" (CHECK "X" ONLY)

MARKED FOR INDEXING

NO INDEXING REQUIRED

INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED
BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY

ACTION REQUIRED

See paragraph 2

REFERENCE(S)

REF: HAVA 5062, dated 25 June 1960

1. The proposal submitted in the reference is interesting and worth serious consideration. Several possible ideas have occurred to us on how we can mount this type of operation. As yet, however, none of these has been worked through sufficiently to prepare a definite plan of action. Nevertheless, it appears to us that any effort that would carry conviction would have to be based on detailed knowledge of the "proposed victim's" habits, movements, and exposures to the public, providing a basis for timing an attack and selecting a site from which an attempt could be made. In short, the same information is needed as would be required if an actual assassination attempt were contemplated. It would be helpful if sketches and maps could be prepared to show routes of travel, time intervals, places of vantage, sites of police stations, routes of escape, location of safe sites, primary and alternate means of exfiltrating after the attempt, locations of sites for caching the weapon and for picking up travel documents. Such materials could then be worked into an operation attributable to the Chinese Communists by the introduction of suitable Chinese touches, and would provide documentary support to the prima facie evidence of the funds and rifle.

2. We believe that without the authentication described above, the combined rumor and "evidence" will readily be detected as a provocation. We therefore suggest that you draw together the information described above and forward it to Headquarters to be processed for use in mounting this operation.

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